

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 21, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Police Department
Presentation By: Dennis Hauck, Traffic Sergeant

Summary

Subject: Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant, to include DUI Enforcement and Education Efforts

Recommendation:

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing, and after consideration;
- B. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept \$92,500 in grant funding from the 2021/2022 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and approve expenditure recommendations;
- C. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$92,500 to Account No. 100-43409, 2168-61430, 2168-62801, and 2168-63801

Fiscal Impact: \$92,500 to Account No. 100-43409 (OTS Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant) – No City match required.

Purpose:

Reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions.

Background:

In January 2021, the Yuba City Police Department submitted a grant application to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant offered by the California Office of Traffic Safety. In August 2021 the Department received award notification for the grant with authorization to receive funds in the amount of \$92,500. No matching funds are required by the City of Yuba City to accept the grant. This grant runs in accordance with the Federal Fiscal year 10/01/21-09/30/22.

Analysis:

For many years, the Department has had a positive working relationship with the California Office of Traffic Safety. Again this year, we were selected for funding to maintain an aggressive stance towards those individuals who continue to operate a motor vehicle in our community while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. This grant will allow the department to continue to combat impaired drivers in our community. While having an impaired driving portion, this grant also allows for other directed enforcement operations. These operations deploy officers within the City with

a primary goal of reducing injury collisions through targeting primary collision factors such as speed and red light enforcement in areas with a high frequency of collisions.

The goal of the grant is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. "Best practice" strategies will be conducted on an overtime basis. The funded strategies include DUI saturation patrols, speed enforcement, red light running and distracted driver enforcement. These strategies are designed to earn media attention thus enhancing the overall deterrent effect. The California Office of Traffic Safety has designed these operations and the funding for them to be done in addition to our daily duties, thus making an additional impact on traffic safety.

The grant will fund training and certification for two officers to become Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). DRE personnel enhance the Department's ability to investigate and assist in prosecution of DUI drug offenders.

The grant will fund training for one officer to become a DRE Instructor and one officer to become a Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor (ARIDE). Both courses are fully funded by POST and will result in no costs to the department. DUI arrests have risen sharply in recent years and remains a priority for the police department in reducing alcohol and / or drug related collision deaths and injuries. Having two additional instructors on staff will better serve the department to do in-house training for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement (ARIDE) and SFST's.

The grant will fund overtime and materials to conduct three DUI/License Checkpoints over the course of the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

The City will be reimbursed \$92,500 from the California Office of Traffic Safety. No matching funds are required for this grant. Funds will be drawn down through Account No. 2168-61430 (\$77,958.00) for personnel overtime costs, No. 2168-62801 (\$1,777.00) for travel and training, and No. 2168-63801 (\$12,765.00) for direct costs associated with the grant.

Alternatives:

Do not accept the grant and / or direct staff to research alternatives.

Recommendation

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to accept \$92,500 in grant funding from the 2021/2022 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and approve expenditure recommendations
- B. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$92,500 to Account No. 100-43409, 2168-61430, 2168-62801, and 2168-63801.

Attachment:

- 1. Resolution

Prepared By:

/s/ Dennis Hauck

Dennis Hauck
Traffic Sergeant

Reviewed By:

City Attorney

Submitted By:

/s/ Dave Vaughn

Dave Vaughn
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF THE FY
2021-2022 CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT “SELECTIVE
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM”**

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Police Department submitted for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant offered by the California Office of Traffic Safety, and received an award notification for the grant with authorization to receive funds in the amount of \$92,500.

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant is to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions, and will be used to cover the cost of new Radar Speed Trailer, educational materials, DUI checkpoint supplies; and

WHEREAS, the grant will also fund training and certification for two officers to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE); and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund training for one officer to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor and one officer to become a Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor (ARIDE).

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Council desires to undertake the projects designated as the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program to be funded in part from funds made available through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

1. The Chief of Police of the City of Yuba City is authorized, on its behalf, to execute a contract, including any extensions or amendments thereof and any subsequent contract with the State and the OTS in relation thereto, to effectuate acceptance of the grant for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.
2. The City agrees that any liability arising out of the performance of this contract, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OTS disclaim responsibility for any such liability.
3. Grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.
4. This award is not subject to local hiring freezes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Yuba City Council of Yuba City in a meeting thereof held on September 21, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor

Ciara Wakefield, City Clerk Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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